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MATTHEW 28: 19, 20. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:—and lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

THE path from the manger to the cross was all trodden—a path of tears, humiliation, suffering, agony and death. The Word made flesh had dwelt with men,—a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. The Son had glorified the Father by obedience and by sacrifice; and now the hour is come, that the Father would glorify the Son. The day of cloud and of shadow closes in brightness. Already a ray from the throne had scattered the darkness of the tomb, and now a brighter beam breaks, in whose light the risen Redeemer is borne to heaven. As he leaves the world of suffering for the realms of bliss, he bends over his wondering disciples, and his last, earnest words are:—"*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature:—Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.*"

This is his precious legacy to those to whom he committed the great work of extending that kingdom, "whose foundations he had laid, not as other conquerors, in the blood of the vanquished, but in his own blood." It contains

I. THE WORK TO BE DONE.

II. THE MEANS TO DO IT.

III. THE PRESENCE TO MAKE THE MEANS EFFECTUAL.

I. The Work. An extensive, long, arduous work. *Into* all *the world.* All is under the dominion of sin; all is to be redeemed to Christ. *To* every *creature.* A work affecting not merely the masses, who may be swayed by majorities, but coming home to the individual, renewing *every* heart to the love of God, stamping on *every* soul the image of Jesus.

II. The Means. The Gospel — glad tidings of great joy. At the Savior's advent to earth, angels sang peace, good will to men: now He ascends to heaven, human lips repeat the strain. Angelic song and apostolic preaching are one, the revealing Christ the Lord. This gospel is further illustrated by the baptism, now first revealed, into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Sealing unto the Father by reconciliation and adoption into his family, unto the Son by his righteousness and blood justifying the soul, unto the Spirit by his mighty power renewing and sanctifying the heart. The Gospel and the Baptism are one, both uniting to God, by repentance towards God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, through sanctification of the spirit unto eternal life.

III. The Presence. *Lo! I am with you. All power is given unto* me *in heaven and in earth. Alway even unto the end of the world.* Power and duration unlimited! fully commensurate with the greatness of the work. What more could be asked? What more could be given?

The passages we have thus briefly noted are often, and properly, regarded as a command. We propose, however, to present them in another light, as a grand development of the great principle that Progress is the element of life in the Church. She lives only by advancing. It is not a circumstance, but a necessity of her being. Thus alone can she make full proof of the gospel committed to her trust. Thus alone has she the assured promise of Christ's presence alway. Hence the ascending Redeemer breathed this quickening spirit upon her, that amid the decay of empires and of men, hers might be a perpetual life.

The first argument in proof of our position we draw from *analogy*. Growth is ever the essential element of vitality. It marks between the living and the dead, both in the animal and in the vegetable world. Thus the puny infant advances to the strength and stature of manhood: the tiny acorn grows into the mighty oak. In this process of development, both have a vigorous life; but when this is past, decay comes on. Man passes into decrepitude and the grave: the old oak withers and falls. Even water, the brightest, gladdest thing in all this lower creation, if its life-giving current be checked, becomes foul and dead. Far away in that land, hallowed by the feet of apostles and prophets, and where the Son of God walked in the days of his flesh, rolls the Jordan. Fed by "the cold, flowing waters" of Lebanon, it winds its silvery stream down the green valleys, and forms a basin of pure, clear, sparkling water, in the bright, beautiful lake of Galilee. Thence it pours its yet living, because yet moving, stream into the deep, cavernous abyss of the Dead Sea. Here it is held captive;—there is no outlet;—and the pent up waters are acrid, salt, bitter—a sea of Death. Losing its onward current, the water has lost its life and beauty. Could one lay a mastering hand on the ever heaving ocean, and hush its swelling tides, and bid the wings of the mighty winds no more lift its waves, it would become a vast stagnant pool—the fountain of miasma and death. Every where in the material world motion is life; stagnation, death. The mighty orbs of the firmament, the vast gatherings of waters, the luxuriant vegetation, the subtile air and the adamantine rock, all teach the lesson. *Onward, ever, ever onward,* is the law of our being. Check our ceaseless roll, bind us fast that we cannot move, and creation expires:—chaos returns.

This law of the physical universe governs also the mental and the spiritual world. Living mind is ever active—the living heart ever flowing out. Let thought be stagnant, the mind becomes imbecile and decrepit; let affection be pent up, the heart becomes cold and dead. In the great spiritual renovation by which man enters into the kingdom of God, he is made par-

taker of life; an earnest, progressive life, ever reaching forward and upward. Check this onward, upward expansion, and he dies. Without it, the disciple has but the name to live: the element of true, vigorous life is wanting.

The analogy between His kingdom and the vegetable world in this respect is clearly and graphically drawn by Christ himself. "*Then said He, unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and cast into his garden,* AND IT GREW!" — *it had the element of life in it* — "*and became a great tree, and the birds of the air lodged in the branches of it.*"

A second argument in favor of our position, we draw from *the progressive expansion of the kingdom of God on earth.* The truth and love of God, amid wide and prevalent sin, lingered in a few patriarchal families after the fall. There were altars and hearts, where He was remembered in worship and in sacrifice. But there is no record of a Church, having within itself the elements of life and increase. In Abraham's day God laid the foundations of such a church in covenant and in promise. It was first a household, — *a childless household* — but that it may live and grow, a child is given. It was but the germ — for in the succeeding stages of development we see the twelve princes of Israel, every man the head of a tribe, and the associated tribes expanding into a mighty nation. The life flows down an ever-widening channel: first a family, then a cluster of families, then a numerous people. Here for a time it stayed; there was no further expansion, no flowing out beyond those boundaries of blood and nation, and the life blood was chilled and sluggish. There were signs of age and decay — premonitions of death. The Jewish dispensation, shut up to the seed of Abraham, waxed old, and lacked the vigor of earnest life. "Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." Had there been no further expansion, the Church had declined. But, in the fullness of time, Christ came: boundaries of nation and blood were all

broken up: a Savior and a Gospel for all the world revealed: and there was a renewing of the vital energies in the Church. Like the letting out of imprisoned waters, was the fresh, exulting flow of life from the Church, before as a stagnant sea from its long confinement within the narrow walls of Jewish exclusiveness, when Christ cleft all barriers and bade it roll over the wide, wide world. Earth became vocal "with the joy of its waves."

Thus God's kingdom has ever lived, — is yet living. Egypt's idolatries died with her. Philistia's gods perished in the ruin that blotted her name from among the nations. They had no outgoing of life beyond these narrow borders. But though Abraham be dead, and Moses, and the Prophets; though Judea be captive, and Jerusalem a desolation, the worship and the name of Jehovah live. When the father of the faithful died, they remained with Isaac and with Jacob: when Jacob was gathered to his fathers, they dwelt with the tribes: and before the nation, sprung from the tribes, passed away, they were gone out into all the world. Ever expanding, ever growing, they had the elements of perpetual life, — unquenched and unquenchable.

Our third argument for the position we have stated in connection with the text, we draw from *the great facts of Christian History*. We know whom Christ appointed to build up his kingdom — a few feeble, trembling men. We learn from the text how he left them, what weapons he put into their hands, what spirit he breathed into them, and how he roused the life and energy of mind and heart to the most intense and earnest action, by laying out for them a work and a field, in which the largest and most vigorous life might have full play. We see afterward on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit came down as a rushing mighty wind, how the miraculous powers then imparted symbolized the progressive and expanding energy of the new life poured into the Church. The Elamite, the Mede, the Parthian, and many more of diverse tongues and distant climes, in the first preaching of the gospel, heard in their own

household tones the word of promise to all people; and already in the beginning at Jerusalem, was a scattering of the seed of the kingdom far beyond the walls of the city. The gospel for the world, in its earliest speech, it caught earth's varied tongues, and made them all familiar with the name and the love of Jesus. So afterward when the sword of persecution was whet against the disciples, they fled before it only to scatter farther and wider the word of truth. Samaria receives the preaching of Christ with great joy, and Jerusalem, the old division and bitter alienation between Jew and Samaritan all forgotten, rejoices with her, and extends the hand of fellowship. The field is the world: separating lines are giving way. This is seen more clearly in the remarkable mission of Peter to the Roman Centurion at Cesarea, by which the long impassible partition wall between Jew and Gentile is broken down, and the whole world laid open to the love and the labor of the Church, no longer restrained by differing creeds and climes. Saul of Tarsus already chosen, and specially adapted by wonderful gifts of nature and of grace, for the heavenly mission, presses into this wide and effectual door; and with what mighty energy the life current, having now a free course, flows out and around, upon Antioch, Corinth, Ephesus, Old Imperial Rome, Greek, Barbarian, Scythian, bond and free. Every where are growth and expansion, and warm, full, vigorous pulsations in the Church, and in the fervent Apostle: the field is too wide and pressing to admit of stagnation: it keeps all the mighty energies of mind and heart ever awake and active. There was a living Church and a living Ministry in those days, and every age, since that period, marked by earnest life, has shown the same distinguishing features. There was a re-kindling of this spirit — a progress and advancement, the outgoing of power and truth — at the period of the Great Reformation, in the seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord that marked the last century in New England, and in the renewing of the Missionary Work in these latter days, which is now the life-giving element

in our churches. Check this Spirit — confine the sympathies and labors of Zion by boundaries, and the life-blood flows back upon the heart — symptoms of death appear.

The Christian dispensation is a dispensation of the Spirit. Its peculiar, distinguishing baptism, is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The emblem of that Spirit is THE DOVE, a bird of swift wing, and loving the free, boundless air for its flight. It may, in the day of storm and rain, hide awhile within the ark, but when the waters are dried off from the earth, it will no longer be imprisoned there. The Spirit is as *the Wind*, "that bloweth where it listeth." It sways the forests of the mountain, rustles the grass of the valley, sweeps the face of the ocean, whirls the sands of the deserts, and chases the clouds of the sky. It spurns the chain — it knows no barrier — the wide world is its home. It is the universal life. Such is the Spirit of Truth and of God. They who are born of Him, to develop the spiritual life, must give it like free and large expansion. If the Church would have the indwelling life of the Spirit of God, she must take the pinions of the dove and fly as on the wings of the wind, bearing the gospel of grace, swift as the messenger dove cuts the air, and far as the rushing winds play o'er earth and sea. To this end, was "the promise of the Father" given. Till that promise was fulfilled, the disciples might tarry in Jerusalem; but no longer. From the hour the Spirit sat upon them the world was the field. The promise yet remains — the Spirit abides alway in the Church — but the early conditions of the promise are unchanged. *Go ye out into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Brethren, the thought I wish to impress on your minds, is this: That the last great commission of Christ is not an exhausting burden imposed upon the Church, a drain upon her wealth and a consumption of her strength, but rather a *legacy of perpetual life.* It is, indeed, a work — an arduous work — but "in all labor there is profit," and the Church can only

develop her full life and energies in her great work. I remark then:—

1. In the work assigned to the Church is the sure evidence of her extension and perpetuity. Both indeed are assured by promise and by prophecy. But we see in the great work assigned the Church, and in the earnest life developed by that work, the witness to the truth of promise and prediction.

The word, sown broad-cast through all the world, finds too many lodgments ever to be entirely rooted up. *Here*, indeed, the hard-beaten path may reject it; *there*, thorns choke its growth, or perchance the stony ground deny sufficient deepness of earth. But the field is broad and long, and there are fertile spots, where the good seed takes root and brings forth fruit, whose "seed is in itself," ready to be scattered again over all waste, arid places. Jerusalem, the early spiritual granary, for a long season has sent forth neither sower nor seed. Rome, whose "faith was once spoken of throughout the whole world," has sown only tares. But God has prepared other soil in remote borders, never revealed to prophet's eye, nor trodden by apostle's foot, whereon the good seed has fallen, and from whence it is scattered on the four winds to be sown beside all waters. The field is the world — the seed grows whereon it falls, alike under the burning tropic and in the frozen zone — in every clime — on every shore. Its harvests will yet wave over the wide earth.

One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth forever. The fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever? The honored line of seers and apostles has long ceased; many ancient churches have become extinct; the shadow of darkness and of death has fallen on many Christian lands; yet the Church lives — its field the world — its life alway, even unto the end. What convulsions and changes may come in the future we cannot tell. Should it be — which may God in mercy avert — that floods of Error

deluge our land, and the foot of the Infidel tread out the living light of Christianity above the ashes of our Puritan fathers, yet the Church shall live. From islands of the sea, now first reckoned in the family of Christian nations, as one born out of due time; from the pale watchfires, now just glimmering along the benighted shores of Africa; or from the altars of the ancient churches of the East, whose long extinct flame the Spirit is now rekindling, the light shall break — the day star arise, and earth's darkness flee before it. The field is the world. If portions lie under eclipse, on other portions the sun shines. When the curtains of the night fall around one hemisphere, the morning dawns on the other. In a field wide as the earth, there may be alternations of light and darkness: — there cannot be perpetual night.

2. I notice, in each successive development of the Church, the beautiful correspondence between the work to be done and the instruments for its accomplishment. There are differing phases of spiritual as of natural life; and each peculiar phase has its appropriate work, and is manifested in the Church at the very time that work is to be done. "The man and the hour" are one. Thus God knew Abraham that he would order his children and his household after him in the way of the Lord. The patriarch lived away from cities and states, and his piety flowed out in the sweet influences of parental guidance and love upon his secluded household. This peculiar life in him fitted him for head of the Church, when constituted as the family. Moses, saved by special Providence from early death, to be trained among kings' councilors, and learned in all the wisdom of Egypt, is educated for a law-giver and to lay the foundations of civil government. His energies of life, therefore, are brought into the Church, when it passes from the family into the nation. A few chosen men of Galilee, taught in the school of Christ, eye-witnesses of his incarnation in its humiliation and its glory, and baptized of the Holy Ghost with tongues of flame, entrusted

with a gospel for all nations, and having utterance in all the varying notes of human speech, are meet apostles for the world, divided everywhere in faith and in language; and the world is their mission ground.

It were easy to multiply these illustrations. God never imparts a peculiar life, but that life has its appropriate work. Where we find the life, there too is the work: and where we find the work, the life will not be wanting. In this view we love to look out on our beloved land, and study its peculiar mission from the opportunities opened, and the power of life bestowed upon it. The opening era of our national existence is marked by the vigorous development of the Missionary Spirit, by the formation of associations for the spread of the Gospel in all the world, and by improvements in the means of intercommunication between nations, that have swept away the old barrier lines of division, and made earth one neighborhood. Advancing steadily in population and in territory, our country now stretches from sea to sea — on either border an ocean, which the mighty agencies of modern locomotion have bridged over, and across which the "highway of nations" lies open to us. Have we not then a mission for the world? A "manifest destiny" our political rulers may not see, but which the American Church may understand by measuring her work by her power and opportunity of working. Amid much that is dark and foreboding evil in our horizon, we love to turn to this unfolding leaf of Providence, and learn there to hope that our land, her rapid advance and mighty energies developing in the same hour with the quickened life and earnest action of the Church in the great work of Christian Missions, may be the appointed instrument of extending the Gospel in all lands. Would that the full, vigorous, earnest life that is in her might thus put forth its energies, in annexing to Christ's Kingdom from the realms of darkness, and in extending the area of spiritual freedom over lands long cursed by the bondage of sin.

Then would hers be a perpetual life. It would never know the palsy of age, — never the stagnation of death.*

3. I remark finally. When the work presses hard on the energies of the Church, it is an occasion of joy. It will then stimulate to earnest life. The necessity laid on Paul to preach the Gospel, brought out the full strength of the life in him. It is always a blessing to the individual or to the Church, when there is such pressure to warm the heart and stir every muscle and sinew to intense action. We have found it so, my brethren, in our missionary labor within this State: — for, though I have ranged over a wide field, I do not forget I am addressing the Missionary Society of Maine. It has been one among the many blessings conferred on us, that the work of extension within our borders has always pressed close upon our means and our energies. It has grown with our growth and increased with our strength. This has kept the life from flagging, and held it in fresh and healthful exercise. Amid the many dividing opinions of the day, it has bound us up in one brotherhood of love and of labor, and made our annual gatherings hallowed and happy, the re-union of the separated members of our household in the old homestead. It is good for us that the work presses to day. We need this pressure to stir the warm life-blood in our hearts, that, with strong sinews and earnest toil we may cheerfully renew our work; working while we live, and living while we work.

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* It is interesting to notice the general awaking of the spirit of missions, as manifested by the formation of Societies for extending the Gospel, almost immediately on the establishment of our National Independence. I cite a few examples. Sunday School Society, (Eng.,) 1785. Wesleyan Miss. Soc., 1786. Bapt. Miss. Soc., 1789. London Miss. Soc., 1795. Conn. Miss. Soc. 1798. London Rel. Tract Soc. and Mass. Miss. Soc., 1799. Chh. Miss. Soc., 1800. Brit. and For. Bible Soc., 1804. Maine Miss. Soc., 1807. A. B. C. F. M., 1808. Am. Bible Soc., 1816. Am. Home Miss. Soc., 1826. The first fifty years of our national history is marked by the establishment of local and national institutions for the spread of the Gospel beyond any half century on record. Do we err if we address our country in the language of Mordecai to Esther — "*Who knoweth whether thou art come to the throne for such a time as this?*"

The former venerable Secretary of this Society, in the closing paragraph of the Annual Report in 1845, says: "The Trustees of this Institution, at the last anniversary, were pathetically exhorted by gentlemen from abroad, (they must have been from *abroad*, or they could not have judged so widely from the facts in the case,) we were pathetically exhorted to make a strenuous effort, and do the work up at once. What ideas people can have of winding up such a concern, it would be difficult to conjecture. The Society has been in operation, and in successful operation, for almost forty years, and the work as yet, is any thing but *done up*."

That beloved man of God has rested from his labors. Nine years of not unsuccessful labor have rolled on since he penned the above Report, and we all are witnesses that the work is not *done up* yet. It is well for us, it will be well for our children, that we leave them a legacy of labor in this wide and growing field to draw out the energies of spiritual life. We leave them not only this our native State, but the wide world, pressing harder each successive year, on the life of the Church, and raising it, we trust to higher and holier action; the labor developing the life, and the life abounding in labor. A living Church is a working Church, and a working Church is a living Church. The wide field will always give occasion for labor, — for God will never quench the life of the Church on earth by shutting up her energies from action. On us — on our children, the command rests, with the power of an endless life in it. *Go ye out into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.*

# ANNUAL REPORT.

On this forty-seventh annual meeting of the Maine Missionary Society, the Trustees would again set up their Ebenezer, with the grateful inscription, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Another year have not only their cares and labors been continued, but those of nearly all the beloved men, more immediately concerned in the missionary work. One, however, has fallen. In his last communication to the Secretary of this Society, under date of December 30, 1853, the Rev. Manning Ellis, of East Brooksville, thus wrote: "For the year past, I have been very much afflicted in regard to my health. I have no reason to expect that I shall regain my health. I would be grateful to my Heavenly Father, that I have been able to preach almost every Sabbath. It has often been very fatiguing; but I never liked the work better, or felt more desirous to labor for the salvation of souls; and I think that so long as I can get to the house of divine worship, and am able to speak, I shall continue to preach and labor in the cause of my Lord and Master." Strength was given him to preach on every Sabbath afterward, until on the 20th of February he died, æt. 56.

The customary tabular view will now be given.

## TABULAR VIEW.

| Churches and Missionaries. | Date of Commission. | Length of commission. | Dollars appropriated. | Average congregation. | Church members. | Added by profession. | Added by letter. | Hopeful conversions. | Contributions for Home Missions. | For other objects. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. ACTON. | | | | | 82 | | | | 14 | |
| SHAPLEY. | | | | | 18 | | | | | |
| Rev. Wm. Pierce, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 12m | 50 | | | | | | | |
| 2. ALBANY. | | | | | 73 | | | | 42 | |
| Rev. Isaac Weston, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 4½ | 38 | | | | | | | |
| Rev. Lorrain Rood, *s. s.* | Feb. 10, 1854. | 1 | 21 | | | | | | | |
| | Apr. 5, 1854. | 3 | 31 | | | | | | | |
| 3. ALBION. | | | | | 21 | | | | | |
| CLINTON, (*Hunter's Mills,*) | | | | 60 | no | | | | | |
| Mr. Harrison Fairfield. | Sept. 1, 1853. | 2 | 56 | | ch. | | | | | |
| Mr. Ebenezer Douglass, for Clinton only. | Apr. 22, 1854. | 1½ | 42 | | | | | | | |
| 4. ALEXANDER. | | | | 75 | no ch. | | | | | |
| COOPER. | | | | 100 | 17 | 2 | | | | |
| Mr. Chas. W. Emerson. | May 1, 1854. | 6 | 100 | | | | | | | |
| 5. ALNA. | | | | 110 | 89 | 1 | | 1 | 28 | |
| Rev. Samuel Talbot, *P.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 100 | | | | | | | |
| 6. ANDOVER. | | | | 125 | 42 | 1 | | 1 | 9 | |
| DIXFIELD. | | | | 75 | 23 | | | | 5 | |
| Rev. Mark Gould, *P.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 126 | | | | | | | |
| 7. ASHLAND, (No. 11) *and vicinity.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| FORT KENT. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rev. M. R. Keep, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 6 | 125 | | | | | | | |
| | Jan. 7, 1854. | 6 | 112 | | | | | | | |
| 8. BARKERVILLE. | | | | | no | | | 10 | | |
| *(in Bangor.)* | | | | | ch. | | | | | |
| James W. Kidder. | Apr. 12, '54. | 1½ | 42 | | | | | | | |
| 9. BELFAST, *North.* | | | | 200 | 48 | | | 4 | 42 | 42 77 |
| Rev. J. R. Munsell, *P.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 200 | | | | | | | |
| 10. BENTON. | | | | | 17 | | | | 10 | |
| FAIRFIELD. | | | | | 14 | | | | 5 | |
| Rev. James M. Palmer, *s. s.* | Sept. 1, 1853. | 9 | 112 | | | | | | | |

## TABULAR VIEW.

### REMARKS.

1. Mr. Pierce left this field of labor the last November for want of adequate support, which might have been obtained, if the people in *both* places had consented that he should divide his labors alternately between them. Since his departure, an effort has been made at Shapleigh to procure preaching.

2. Mr. Rood has spent several years of his life as a missionary in Illinois and Wisconsin. Thus far his services have been highly acceptable in Albany. The people defrayed the expenses of his removal, with his family, from Vermont, and have expended about $100 in repairing the parsonage. They are very desirous that he should be installed as their pastor.

3. There still remains at Albion a very small and feeble church, having a name to live. But without more of a disposition among its members, than now appears, to sustain the ministrations of the Gospel, the propriety of affording missionary aid is more than doubtful. A very large proportion of the people at Hunter's Mills do not attend public worship. But there is on the part of a few a strong desire for the ministrations of the Gospel. "The orthodox congregational influence is very weak, but is increased probably by every sermon. The more sober, thoughtful portion of community are wishing something substantial."

4. Mr. Emerson's services during the last summer and fall were highly acceptable; and after being absent through the winter, he has resumed his labors. He finds "a growing respect for evangelical religion, and a growing desire for the public services of such a religion on the Sabbath." The amount of subscription for the support of preaching in Alexander this year is considerably larger than was that of the last.

5. This church and society continue to be weakened by emigration. Nearly one-fourth of the members of the church are non-residents.—"Those that remain together evince about the same interest as formerly, in their attendance on the means of grace, and an equal readiness to support the same."

6. Nothing reported of special interest. For the year ensuing Mr. Gould's stated labors will be confined to the town of Andover.

7. Some progress has been made in providing for the support of the Gospel. The hope is entertained by Mr. K. that a church will soon be organized.—It is thought the time has arrived for another missionary to be stationed at Fort Kent, and that the people would contribute nearly one-half of his support.

8. The name of Barkerville has been given to a neighborhood within the limits of the city of Bangor, where students at the Seminary have been accustomed to conduct a Sabbath School, and hold religious meetings. Mr. Kidder has thus labored between two and three years. Two years ago last winter these labors were blessed to the hopeful conversion of a few persons. "About the middle of last winter God was pleased to visit us again by the presence of His Spirit. The number of hopeful conversions may be 8 or 10, perhaps more. They will probably unite with different churches in the city."

9. "A marked change for the better. Sabbath School very prosperous. Some hope of raising $50 more than we have heretofore raised, for the support of the Gospel."

10. At Benton, "much more interest is manifested now (June 13) than at any time since I have been there. My last meeting was the largest. The Bible class now embraces one-third of the congregation. Prayer meetings are well attended, &c. The people are determined to have preaching at least three-fourths of the time, independent of the M. M. S." At Fairfield, several individuals, friendly to the new enterprise, have left the place since its commencement; and yet "I feel," says Mr. Palmer, "that we are considerably stronger than when I came here."

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| 11. BRIDGTON, *North*. | | | | 100 | 48 | 2 | | 1 | 12 | 46 |
| Rev. Horace Wellington, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 12m | 40 | | | | | | | |
| 12. BINGHAM. | | | | 125 | 75 | | | | 5 | 10 74 |
| SOLON VILLAGE. | | | | | 10 | | | 2 | 3 | 7 16 |
| Rev. Sidney Turner, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 126 | | | | | | | |
| 13. BLANCHARD. | | | | 75 | 55 | | | | 23 | |
| GREENVILLE. | | | | | a few ch. mem | | | | | |
| Rev. John A. Perry, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 182 | | | | | | | |
| SANGERVILLE. | | | | | 27 | 2 | | 6 | | |
| 14. BRADFORD. | | | | 160 | 71 | 25 | | 2 | 24 | 8 |
| KENDUSKEAG. | | | | 67 | 31 | 7 | | | 23 58 | 30 |
| Rev. S. E. Bixby, *P.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 182 | | | | | | | |
| 15. BRISTOL. | | | | | 59 | | | | | |
| Rev. Chas. Morgridge, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 75 | | | | | | | |
| 16. BROOKSVILLE, *East*. | | | | 100 | 30 | | | | | |
| Rev. Manning Ellis, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 78 | | | | | | | |
| Mr. Stephen Titcomb. | April 22, '54. | 1½ | | | | | | | | |
| 17. BROWNFIELD. | | | | | 42 | | | 1 | 10 25 | |
| HIRAM. | | | | | 10 | | | | 21 | |
| Rev. David Gerry, *P.* | June 25, '53. | 12 | 126 | | | | | | | |
| 18. BROWNVILLE. | | | | 112 | 93 | 10 | 1 | | 44 85 | 119 40 |
| Rev. Wm. S. Sewall, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 75 | | | | | | | |
| 19. BURLINGTON. | | | | 105 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 12 85 | 14 00 |
| Rev. J. E. M. Wright, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 3 | 50 | | res. | | | | | |
| | Jan. 11, 1854. | 9 | 150 | | | | | | | |
| 20. BUXTON, *North*. | | | | | 43 | 3 | 1 | | 23 75 | |
| Rev. G. W. Cressey, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 100 | | | | | | | |

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11. "The removals from our community during the last year have been more than our accessions. The students from the academy are an interesting and hopeful class of hearers."

12. A fourth of Mr. T.'s Sabbaths are spent at the Forks of the Kennebec river, where the last summer a Sabbath School was established—and in other destitute neighborhoods.—Two hopeful conversions have occurred at Solon village—where also are "several instances of seriousness."

13. "The society at Blanchard are repairing and furnishing their meeting-house." At Greenville, though there are a few church members, it has not been thought advisable as yet to organize them into a church. "A great improvement has taken place during the past year in consequence of the movement made by temperance men in the execution of the Maine Law. Such decided and successful efforts hold out inducements to a missionary to continue his labors." Three Sabbaths were spent and one entire week by Mr. Perry during March, April, and May in East Sangerville—"where there has been quite an interesting work of grace." Two recent converts have been added to the Church, and several others are expected to unite.

14. "Congregation at Kenduskeag during the year quite large—Sabbath School in a flourishing condition." At Bradford "during the summer months (of 1853) the desk was supplied one half the time from the Seminary."

15. Nothing reported of special interest—the labors of Mr. Morgridge in this place have ceased.

16. Since the death of Mr. Ellis, which occurred the last February, a strong desire has been expressed by the members of this Church still to be favored with the preaching of the Gospel. They assumed the entire responsibility of paying for Mr. Titcomb's mission, and are hoping to obtain a supply during the summer from the Seminary in Bangor.

17. During the last 6 months, the health of Mr. Gerry has been such, that he has been able but seldom to preach. During this period the Church at Brownfield "have maintained reading meetings, which have been well attended." Pleasing evidence has recently been given, by the hopeful conversion of an interesting young man, that though chastened and cast down, they are not forsaken. Their minister is still feeble, and it is feared will continue so during the warm season.

"At Hiram all the religious denominations have united, and have engaged a Free Will Baptist minister to supply them for one year."

18. "Though the Church has increased in numbers, its pecuniary and moral strength seems to be on the decline. One of our deacons has moved away, and the other is very feeble." Forty dollars of the 119.94 were given by people from Wales, connected with the slate quarries, to the Bible Society.

19. In the state of this Church and Society, "nothing particularly encouraging, or more than usually discouraging."

20. "Meetings even when the weather is unfavorable, are well attended. Each family has a copy of the Journal of Missions, the American Messenger, the Youth's Dayspring, the Youth's Penny Gazette, and the Child's Paper." Fifty dollars have been added by the people to their minister's salary.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21. CARMEL. | | | | | 13 | | | | | 9 14 |
| STETSON. | | | | | no ch. | | | | | |
| Mr. James B. Howard. | July 15, 1853. | 3m | 45 50 | | | | | | | |
| Mr. Harrison Fairfield. | April 22, '54. | 1½ | 30 | | | | | | | |
| 22. DEDHAM. | | | | 110 | 41 | | | | 36 40 | 30 |
| Rev. Lewis Goodrich. | June 22, '53. | 12 | 150 | | | | | | | |
| Mr. Henry F. Harding. | April 12, '54. | 2 | 56 | | | | | | | |
| 23. DEXTER. | | | | 75 | 49 | 1 | | | 18 | 17 50 |
| Rev. Philip Titcomb, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 150 | | | | | | | |
| 24. DIXMONT. | | | | | 17 | | | | 10 47 | |
| Rev. Israel Hills, *s. s.* (for half the time.) | June 22, 1853. | 9 | 40 | | | | | | | |
| 25. DOVER and FOXCROFT. | | | | 170 | 140 | | | | 76 | |
| Rev. Wooster Parker, *P.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 150 | | | | | | | |
| 26. FARMINGTON FALLS. | | | | 125 | } 47 | 3 | | 2 | 6 49 | |
| CHESTERVILLE. | | | | 60 | } | | | | 13 01 | |
| Rev. John Forbush, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 200 | | | | | | | |
| 27. FAYETTE. | | | | | 20 | | | | | |
| Rev. Edmund Burt. | March 24, '54. | 1¼ | 24 | | | | | | | |
| 28. FRANKFORT. | | | | 200 | 70 | | 2 | | 72 | 100 |
| Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, *P.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 50 | | | | | | | |
| 29. FRANKFORT MILLS. | | | | 100 | 18 | 4 | | | 17 | 10 |
| Rev. G. W. Field, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 6 | 50 | | | | | | | |
| Rev. Alfred S. Skinner, *s. s.* | Jan. 11, 1854. | 6 | 75 | | | | | | | |
| 30. GARDINER. | | | | | 73 | | 2 | 2 | 144 83 | |
| Rev. Wm. L. Hyde, *P.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 100 | | | | | | | |
| 31. GARLAND. | | | | 125 | 60 | | 2 | 1 | 22 25 | 20 |
| ST. ALBANS. | | | | 200 | | | | | | |
| Rev. P. B. Thayer, *P.* | June 22, 1853. | 3 | 38 | | | | | | | |
| | Oct. 1, 1853. | 3 | 37 | | | | | | | |
| 32. GARLAND. | | | | | 30 | | | | 13 60 | |
| ATKINSON. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rev. P. B. Thayer. | Jan. 11, 1854. | 6 | 75 | | | | | | | |

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21. The Church in Carmel was organized in May, 1853, "consisting mostly of ladies —warm hearted, active Christians, who for years supported what little preaching they had by their own efforts without aid from the males, or from other sources." There is now a "beautiful house of worship," of which persons of four sects are the joint proprietors; and it is sad, says our missionary, to preach man's accountability one Sabbath, and the *next* have another man preach, that "men are not free agents."

In consequence of an earnest application for and from Stetson, this place was associated with Carmel, in the mission given to Mr. Fairfield. Circumstances prevented him from preaching there more than one Sabbath, but the hope is entertained that a Congregational interest may be built up in that place. Arrangements have been made to have Congregational preaching in future one fourth of the time. The people in Carmel are expecting to obtain preaching from the Seminary at their own expense during the summer.

22. The new meeeting house in this place was finished the last December. The ministry of Mr. Goodrich here ceased in October. Since then they have been supplied from Bangor. Mr. Harding continued with them only a fortnight, being called away by a previous engagement, from which he had supposed that he was released. Arrangements have been made with a member of the Seminary to supply them six months.

23. "The discouragements that we have met with the past year, have been great, in the fact, that weak as we have been, it has fallen to our lot to see substantial members of the Church and Society closing their business, and moving off to other parts of the country."

24. The engagements of Mr. Hills with the Church at Dixmont expired in March last. He continued to supply for a few weeks afterward; since then they have been destitute.

25. "The state of religion has been low, and the future looks more discouraging in some respects than formerly."

26. The field of missionary labor at these two places still wears a hopeful aspect.

27. The number of church members, and of others, desiring the preached Gospel at Fayette Mills, has been increased within the past year, and the hope is entertained that arrangements may be made for a constant and permanent ministry.

28. "Unusual harmony the past year—attendance on public worship increasing, especially among the young men—many have identified themselves with our efforts, who have hitherto stood aloof—our S. S. and all collateral efforts have been sustained. On the whole, externally we were never so prosperous; and having made our last request for one-half our usual allowance, we take an affectionate, grateful leave, as beneficiaries of the M. M. S."

29. "The addition of 4 persons to this feeble church has given us encouragement. Some others have been thinking of coming forward, but as yet hesitate and delay. One or two are expecting to unite with us at the next communion. This is an interesting field of labor, where a good and efficient workman might do much."

30. "Some increase in the congregation—and an increase of liberality in supporting the Gospel. The coming year we shall try the experiment of self-support, though to many among us there is much solicitude as to the result."

31. More has been subscribed for Mr. Thayer's support in Garland the present year than in any preceding year. A parsonage is in process of building, to be completed in September, which will cost $1000 or more. Mr. Thayer closed his labors at St. Albans, (one-fourth of the time) and commenced preaching at Atkinson in January.

32. Several members of the Church in Atkinson have left the place during the past year. A young lady has recently been propounded for admission to the Church, and there is some prospect that her father and mother may come forward.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 33. GOULDSBOROUGH. | | | | | no ch. | | | | | |
| Mr. Samuel Hopley. | April 22, '54. | 1½m | 28 | | | | | | | |
| 34. GRAY. | | | | 100 | 58 | | | | 40 | |
| Rev. Allen Lincoln, *P.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 150 | | | | | | | |
| 35. HARRISON. | | | | 100 | 89 | | | 1 | | |
| Rev. Horatio Merrill. | Aug. 1853. | 1½ | 42 | | | | | | | |
| Rev. John Dodd. | Feb. 1, 1854. | 6 | 50 | | | | | | | |
| 36. HOULTON. | | | | 125 | 11 | | | | 19 | |
| Mr. Charles P. Felch, *s. s.* | June 30, 1853. | 6 | 215 | | | | | | | |
| | Jan. 11, 1854. | 6 | 100 | | | | | | | |
| 37. ISLE DE HAUT. | | | | 50 | no ch. | | | | 2 50 | |
| Rev. Joshua Eaton, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 100 | | | | | | | |
| 38. JACKSON AND BROOKS. | | | | 75 | 60 | | | | 14 | |
| Rev. Luther Wiswall. | June 22, '53. | 3 | 12 50 | | | | | | | |
| Mr. Greenleaf Cheney. | April 28, '54. | 2 | 17 | | | | | | | |
| 39. KENNEBUNKPORT, 1st p. | | | | | 72 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 20 50 | |
| Rev. John Baker, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 84 | | | | | | | |
| 40. KITTERY POINT. | | | | 75 | 41 | | | | 20 | 26 03 |
| Rev. A. W. Fiske, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 100 | | | | | | | |

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33. The people in this town are very destitute of the means of grace. There had not been any preaching for several months before Mr. H. went, either at Prospect Harbor or at West Gouldsborough. At each of these points he spent three Sabbaths, and held meetings on the Sabbath, and on week day evenings at several other places in the town. A great proportion of the villagers (in Prospect Harbor) attended the Sabbath services; and though but two persons in the village are professors of religion and both of these are females, the people expressed a strong desire for the continuance of his labors. "The people generally are anxious that some one should visit them again as soon as possible, and promise to do something towards his support. They received me very kindly and made a collection for the payment of my expenses."

34. The condition of this Church and Society is about the same as in former years. "We have been encouraged by an occasional mercy-drop; and at the present time there is an unusual interest in the Sabbath School."

35. The salary promised Mr. Dodd is $100 more than this people have ever paid before. An arrangement has been made with the Baptists, in consequence of which he preaches ¼ of the time in a house 2 miles from the village owned by individuals of that Society, from whom he receives a portion of his support. "The most prominent feature of society here is the neglect of public worship. Some are prejudiced, some have staid away so long they are ashamed to go, and some care for none of these things. If any place in the world is missionary ground, it is where such souls are found."

36. This Church, once in a good degree prosperous and increasing, from various causes, and especially for the want of a constant permanent ministry, has dwindled in numbers and strength, until it has but 11 members, 1 male and 10 females, and is scarcely able to do any thing more for the support of a minister, than to give him his board. Under the ministry of Mr. Felch, there has been a perceptible increase of attention and interest; and a strong expectation is entertained by the pious few, that if they can but "hold on" for another year, great good will be accomplished. Among other signs of improvement we are told, that "the Maine Law is enforced in all cases where it can be, and the traffic in ardent spirits is diminishing apparently and we hope really."

37. No Church yet, but the expectation is, that one will soon be organized. Some progress during the year. "In recent visits some cases found of deep seriousness, and the sentiment generally uttered is, we must have the Gospel."

38. After laboring in this field to very good acceptance, but amidst many discouragements for several years, Mr. Wiswall left the last Fall and is now a stated supply at Windham. Mr. Cheney is commencing his labors under favorable auspices, and the people have made arrangements to secure his services (should his health permit) for a year.

39. Nothing reported of special interest.

40. "Sectarian prejudice is evidently growing weaker, and an educated ministry is more respected. Efforts to raise fanatical excitements, which used to be successful, now fail. Time was, when but a single member of this Church (a female) was left; but God interposed to save it from extinction, and by his favor, and the aid of the M. M. S., it has been greatly strengthened, though still feeble. The people say—hold on, and we will try to sustain you."

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| 41. LIMINGTON. | | | | 150 | 96 | 2 | | 5 | 21 64 | |
| Rev. J. H. Garman, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12m | 125 | | | | | | | |
| 42. LINCOLN. | | | | 115 | 25 | | | 1 | 9 | 18 50 |
| Rev. Alvan J. Bates, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 225 | | | | | | | |
| 43. LITCHFIELD (*Corner.*) | | | | 100 | 63 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 11 31 | 44 22 |
| Rev. Benj. Smith, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 100 | | | | | | | |
| 44. LITCHFIELD, (*Pleasant Valley.*) | | | | | no ch. | | | | | |
| Rev. Joshua S. Gay, *s. s.* | August, '53. | 6 | 91 | | | | | | | |
| Mr. John H. Frost. | June 1, '54. | 1 | 17 | | | | | | | |
| 45. LOVELL. | | | | 100 / 120 | 89 | 19 | 4 | 12 | 6 | 21 |
| Rev. Joseph Smith, *P.* | Jan. 22, '53. | 12 | 75 | | | | | | | |
| [LUBEC. | | | | 80 | 10 | | | | | |
| [Rev. G. W. Finney. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 46. MADISON. | | | | | 34 | | | | 10 | |
| SOUTH ANSON. | | | | | 42 | | | | 11 50 | |
| Rev. Thos. G. Mitchell, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 4½ | 58 | | | | | | | |
| | October, '53. | 7½ | 92 | | | | | | | |
| 47. MAPLE GROVE. } | | | | 50 | 12 | 3 | 8 | | | |
| FORT FAIRFIELD. } | | | | 35 | | | | | | |
| SALMON BROOK. | | | | 40 | 10 | 2 | | | | |
| LETTER F. | | | | 55 | 3 | | | | | |
| LETTER H. | | | | 60 | | | | | | |
| GARDNER CREEK. | | | | 25 | | | | | | |
| Rev. Elbridge Knight, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 7 | 175 | | | | | | | |
| | Jan. 11, '54. | 5 | 105 | | | | | | | |
| 48. MECHANIC FALLS. | | | | 125 | 51 | | 2 | a few | 50 | 24 |
| Rev. Enos Merrill, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 150 | | | | | | | |
| 49. MERCER. | | | | 100 | 52 | | | | 6 75 | |
| Rev. E. S. Hopkins, *s. s.* (for half the time.) | Nov. 1, 1853. | 6 | 25 | | | | | | | |
| 50. MONMOUTH. | | | | 75 | 30 | 4 | 5 | | 10 40 | |
| Rev. Jos. H. Conant, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 126 | | | | | | | |

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### REMARKS.

41. During the past year this people have contributed towards an academy-building nearly $1200. The school kept in it increases the number of pupils in the Sabbath School, and of attendants upon public worship. Since January came in, 5 young ladies have expressed hope in Christ. 2 of them have since died, 1 has moved out of town, and 2 have united with the church.—"I do not know a congregation," says the pastor, "which contains so great a proportion of young people, as this does. The thought of their going out from us without religion, is very painful to me." One young man belonging to this Church is seeking an education for the ministry.

42. "The Church in an unusually low state. The Society is slowly gaining strength. Evangelical sentiments are more generally embraced. A decided advance in temperance can be observed since last Fall. Sabbath breaking is not so common. The people pledge me $50 more the coming year than they have pledged before, and will raise it in better shape."

43. Mr. Smith was ordained pastor of this Church the last August. "During the Spring Christians were quickened to duty, and seriousness prevailed to some extent among the young. The prospect for any great enlargement, or increase of means for supporting the Gospel, is not flattering. Those, however, who are accustomed to do for this object feel disposed to increase their efforts, though they have hitherto done all they thought they could."

44. For some years past the minister at Litchfield Corner has preached in this part of the town 1-5th of the time. In the meanwhile the Congregational interest has gained strength, and an earnest desire has been expressed to enjoy the constant ministrations of the Gospel. The prospect has appeared sufficiently favorable to justify the effort. Should Mr. Frost's services prove acceptable, they will probably be continued for several months.

45. Attendance on worship somewhat increasing. Perhaps on the whole the pecuniary ability of the parish has increased, though it has suffered from emigration. During the past year as well as during the year preceding more than usual religious interest has prevailed in the Church, and twelve instances have occurred of hopeful conversion. "Nearly half of those who have united with the Church during the year indulged a hope during the Winter and Spring of 1853."

[Mr. Finney was soon obliged to discontinue his services by severe illness, and an arrangement was made to secure a minister of another denomination.]

46. "Our pecuniary interest may have increased a little. The Sabbath School occupies a large place in our system of efforts, and secures almost universal interest on the part of the people. The influence of the School is of a decided character and good."

47. Sabbath Schools flourishing, except at Fort Fairfield. No liquor openly sold in any of these plantations. The people are prospering in their worldly interests. The belief is entertained that the amount of aid needed from year to year will be lessened until at no very distant day no more will be solicited. A time of special interest has been enjoyed at Letter D (which includes Maple Grove and Fort Fairfield) the fruits of which are 8 hopeful conversions, and about the same number in the Methodist Society.

48. During the past year a debt upon the meeting house amounting to upwards of $1000 has been liquidated.

49. "There is considerable solemnity manifest on the Sabbath, at lectures, and in private conversation. A few are indulging hope. The members of the Church, many at least, appear more awake to their responsibilities."

50. "The state of things among us, so far as attendance upon a preached Gospel is concerned, and the interest felt in sustaining meetings of the Gospel, has never been more hopeful. We especially need a commodious meeting house, and shall suffer until we have one."

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 51. Monson. | | | | 100 | 83 | | | 1 | 44 | |
| Rev. Horatio Ilsley, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12m | 130 | | | | | | | |
| 52. Mount Desert. | | | | 125 | 120 | 2 | 2 | | 40 | |
| Rev. Samuel Bowker, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 75 | | | | | | | |
| 53. Naples. | | | | | no ch. | | | | | |
| Sweden. | | | | | 38 | 2 | | | 10 | 12 |
| Rev. L. W. Harris, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 2½ | 31 | | | | | | | |
| Mr. C. H. Emerson. | Jan., 1854. | 1 | 28 | | | | | | | |
| 54. Newfield (*West.*) | | | | 120 | 68 | | | | 12 | |
| Rev. Edmund Burt, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 100 | | | | | | | |
| Rev. Wm. Pierce, *s. s.* | Nov. 10, '53. | 7½ | 63 | | | | | | | |
| 55. New Vineyard. | | | | | 40 | 1 | | | 4 | |
| Kingfield. | | | | | 10 | | | | 1 | |
| Rev. David Turner, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 70 | | | | | | | |
| 56. Norway Village. | | | | 175 | 36 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 9 | |
| Rev. Asa T. Loring, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 2 | 33 | | | | | | | |
| | Sept. 1, '53. | 10 | 125 | | | | | | | |
| 57. Oldtown. | | 12 | 250 | 175 | 22 | | | | | |
| Oldtown and vicinity. | | | 50 | | | | | | | |
| Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 58. Orland. | | | | 110 | 31 | | 2 | | 32 | 50 |
| Rev. Hiram Houston. | June 22, '53. | 12 | 150 | | | | | | | |
| 59. Orono. | | | | | 39 | | | | 27 76 | |
| Rev. L. Ives Hoadley, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 200 | | | | | | | |
| 60. Orrington, *East.* | | | | 100 | 57 | | | 1 | 33 65 | 15 |
| Rev. Franklin Davis, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 3½ | 35 | | | | | | | |
| | Sept., 1853. | 8½ | 91 | | | | | | | |

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### REMARKS.

51. The unusual severity of the winter in this place very much lessened the attendance on the services of the Sabbath and occasioned for some time the discontinuance of the weekly prayer-meeting. In general the state of things is very much the same, as heretofore.

52. "This church is now in a harmonious state, and to a desirable extent laboring together for the faith of the Gospel. At our last conference meeting there were present members from three different towns; and the amount of travel by all present was 140 miles—averaging to each one 4½ miles each way. In all the neighborhoods where I have preached, a readiness has been manifested to hear the Word; and the tearful eye and other indications of strong emotion have often been apparent. There are many praying ones united with this ancient Church, and I doubt not the period is hastening, when our captivity shall be turned as the streams of the south." "The advance in temperance principles and efforts was never greater than at this time."

53. Mr. Harris left this field, where his services were highly acceptable, in August last, and has since that time had the pastoral charge of the church in New Sharon. At Sweden, to which Mr. Emerson's mission was united, a very strong desire is expressed for the preached Gospel. "There are individuals in this church, who have large families, and whose whole property is not more than $1,000, who pay for the support of preaching $15 or $20, and $4 or $5 for benevolent objects."

54. Mr. Burt was dismissed the last August, and is now at Boothbay Harbor. Mr. Pierce reports an increase in the congregation, and some religious interest among the young.

55. "Meetings are well attended. During the past winter the Church (in New Vineyard) was somewhat revived." Mr. Turner's labors at N. V. have ceased.

56. This infant Church and Society have been deeply afflicted by the recent death of Dea. Houghton. They have been disappointed also in some hopes, which they had been encouraged to indulge, of new accessions to their numbers and strength. They persevere, however, in the earnest desire and the "fixed determination to continue to sustain, if possible, the ordinances of religion." Theirs is "the only evangelical meeting" now existing, or likely to exist, in that populous and flourishing village; and hitherto the attempt to sustain it constantly has been quite as successful as could reasonably have been expected.

57. This people "have repaired their house of worship within the year at an expense of about $1200, with a cheerfulness, which indicates some just appreciation of the worth of the sanctuary. The Church holds its own, as to numbers, and I hope as to piety. One young man has entered upon a course of preparation for the ministry." Beyond the limits of Oldtown Mr. Merrill has labored in Bradley, Milford, Greenfield and Greenbush. "In all cases these labors have been kindly received, and with expressions of earnest desire to have them repeated."

58. During the past year a neat and convenient vestry has been fitted up. Attendance at the Sabbath School unusually good during the winter. More young men than formerly have joined the Sabbath School.

59. In September last Mr. Hoadley was dismissed with "abundant testimonial" from the Church in this place "of his faithfulness as a pastor and preacher," and has recently been settled in Auburn, Mass. Since his departure no application has been received for missionary aid.

60. Nothing reported of special interest.

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| 61. OXFORD. | | | | 90 | 45 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 2 |
| Rev. Geo. T. Tewksbury, *s. s.* | May 4, '53. | 12m | 100 | | | | | | | |
| 62. PASSADUMKEAG. | | | | 75 | 8 | | | | 14 | 19 |
| Rev. Wm. A. Merrill, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 2 | 33 | | | | | | | |
| | Sept. 1, '53. | 10 | 187 | | | | | | | |
| 63. PATTEN *and vicinity.* | | | | | 24 | | | | | |
| Mr. Hugh McLeod. | Sept. 1, '53. | 2 | 28 | | | | | | | |
| Rev. Ephraim Fobes. | Nov. 10, '53. | 1½ | 42 | | | | | | | |
| 64. PERRY. | | | paid by the | | 50 | | | | | |
| Mr. Jotham B. Sewall. | Sept. 1, '53. | 1¼ | people | | | | | | | |
| Mr. Findlay Wallace. | Apr. 11, 54. | 2 | 14 | | | | | | | |
| 65. PHILLIPS. | | | | | 37 | | | 5 | 4 25 | |
| NEW PORTLAND. | | | | | 10 | | | | 3 | |
| Rev. Samuel L. Gould, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 225 | | | | | | | |
| 66. PITTSTON. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rev. Joshua S. Gay, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 1½ | 12 | | | | | | | |
| Rev. Josiah G. Merrill. | Dec. 1853. | ½ | 7 | | | | | | | |
| 67. POLAND. | | | | 50 | 42 | | | 6 | 20 | 4 50 |
| Rev. Stephen Gould, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 50 | | | | | | | |
| 68. ROCKPORT, *(in Camden.)* | | | | | 20 | 13 | 7 | | | |
| Mr. Greenleaf Cheney. | April, 1854. | ¼ | 7 | | | | | | | |
| Mr. James B. Howard. | May 5, '54. | 1½ | 42 | | | | | | | |
| 69. RUMFORD. | | | | 100 | 61 | 4 | | 10 | 7 65 | |
| Mr. Elias H. Richardson. | Sept. 3, '53. | 1 | 14 | | | | | | | |
| Rev. J. G. Merrill, *s. s.* | Jan. 5, '54. | 2¼ | 31 50 | | | | | | | |
| " " " | March 10, '54. | 4 | 42 | | | | | | | |
| 70. SANFORD. | | | | 120 | 56 | 6 | | 13 | 24 | |
| Rev. Stephen Bailey, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 100 | | | | | | | |
| 71. SEDGWICK. | | | | 125 | 29 | | | | | |
| Rev. Lewis Goodrich, *s. s.* | Nov. 1, '53. | 8 | 133⅓ | | | | | | | |

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61. "Sabbath evening prayer meetings are well attended, and several of the brethren seem to be quickened. Three hopeful conversions have occurred, and two old professors of religion of other denominations, heads of families, who had for many years neglected public worship entirely, have consecrated themselves to God anew, and have begun to go regularly to the house of God on the Sabbath. These things encourage us to labor on, and hope on." Fifty dollars are contributed to Mr. Tewksbury's support by the Oxford Woolen Factory Company.

62. "This Church is in a quiet and peaceable state, but deeply afflicted by the removal of one of its most devoted members. Father Lawton (Rev. Christopher J. Lawton) died, as he lived, in peace and hope." It is expected that the frame of the new meeting house will be put up and covered in the Fall, and the building completed another season.

63. Mr. McLeod's services were well received, and one-half the expense was defrayed by the people. "They have the largest and most flourishing Sabbath School at Patten that they have ever had, and there have been some hopeful conversions." There is preaching in the village three-fourths of the time by a Baptist minister.

64. Both these missionaries were very cordially welcomed. Mr. W. "was told in tears, more than once, we did not know how far we had departed from the truth, until we heard our old kind of preaching. They said the meetings were the largest that had been in the place for several years." The greater part of the expense of both missions was paid by the people.

65. The congregations at Phillips Village and on the Hill have increased. A better attention has been given to the preached Word. Some hopeful conversions have occurred. Not much progress in New Portland. The ensuing year Mr. Gould will spend the whole time in Phillips.

66. Mr. Gay ceased from his labors in this place the last August for want of adequate support. When Mr. Merrill had spent two weeks, it was thought best to shut up the house of God until the Spring. But the people (not members of the church) became dissatisfied, and by an effort, independent of missionary aid, arrangements have been made for the 12 months preaching of Mr. Bray.

67. "A very manifest improvement in outward appearance, but a lack of spirituality and efficiency in the leading members" of the church. Ten persons have expressed a hope that they have passed from death unto life. Some of them appear well; others are of a doubtful character.

68. The prospects of growth in this place, and the spirit of the men engaged in this new enterprise, strongly encourage the hope of success. See a subsequent part of the Report.

69. Mr. Richardson's labors were highly acceptable, and would have been continued for a longer period, but for ill health. Since the commencement of Mr. Merrill's ministrations, more of religious interest has been awakened, than had existed for several years before. Former difficulties in the church are not all removed, but the prospect is brightening in this respect.

70. Fifty dollars have been expended in repairing the meeting house. "Some few interesting additions have been made to the Society. Difficulties existing in the church have been settled, and some 12 or 15 persons have indulged hopes in the pardoning mercy of God."

71. "Sabbath attendance is generally increasing and becoming more stable. The preached Word has been listened to with a general eagerness, and at times with deep seriousness. There has never been a more ready and vigorous effort to sustain Congregational preaching. In this work the ladies are especially to be commended. There was never a better time to build up the Society, than the present; and it will be of great advantage to keep things in steady and vigorous operation."

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 72. SKOWHEGAN. Rev. Alpha Morton, *s. s. (for half the time.)* | June 22, '53. | 9m | 75 | | 24 | | | | 5 | |
| 73. SOUTH SOLON. MADISON MILLS. Rev. Erastus Curtiss. | June 1, 1854. | 1 | 10 50 | 120 110 | 40 | | | | | |
| 74. SPRINGFIELD. LEE. CARROLL. Rev. N. W. Sheldon, *s. s.* | August, 1853. | 3 | 73 | 30 50 30 | 18 | | | | | |
| 75. ST. ALBANS *and vicinity.* Rev. Henry White. | April, 1854. | 2 | 8 | 150 | 58 | | | | | |
| 76 STANDISH. Rev. J. B. Hadley, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 126 | | 61 | | | | 26 37 | |
| 77. STRONG. Rev. Wm. Davenport, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 150 | 150 | 64 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 14 96 | 8 |
| 78. SUMNER. SOUTH HARTFORD. Rev. B. G. Willey, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 84 | 150 | 75 | 1 | | 1 | 14 50 | |
| 79. SWANVILLE. Mr. A. R. Mitchell. Mr. Wm. L. Jones. | Sept. 1853. Nov. 25, '53. | 2 4 | 50 80 50 | 50 | 20 | | | | | |
| 80. TEMPLE. Rev. Simeon Hackett, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 100 | 75 | 42 res. | 3 | | 4 | 20 | 3 |
| 81. TURNER. Rev. John Dodd, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 4 | 35 | 100 | 78 | | | | 30 27 | |
| 82. UNION. Rev. Daniel F. Potter, *P.* | June 22, '53. | 12 | 75 | | 79 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 23 31 | |
| 83. UNITY. Rev. N. Chapman, *s. s.* | June 22, '53. | 9 | 150 | | 35 | | | | 12 07 | |
| 84. UNITY. THORNDIKE. FREEDOM. Rev. Nath'l Chapman, *s. s.* | April, 1853. | 3 | 63 | | 25 | | | | 7 | |

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72. In consequence of failing to obtain the exclusive possession of a house of worship, hitherto occupied alternately with another denomination, it was not thought best to engage the services of Mr. Morton for another year. The hope however is still entertained that such arrangements may be made, as will secure at this important post the constant labors of an acceptable and devoted minister.

73. South Solon has for several years past been associated with Skowhegan, as a field of ministerial labor. A more convenient union is with the settlement at Madison Mills where is a house of worship, that congregation can occupy jointly with Baptists. The present arrangement is for Mr. Curtiss to preach there one-fourth of the time, and at South Solon three-fourths.

74. Some progress in the temperance cause; interesting Sabbath Schools in Springfield, Lee, and No. 4. Our missionary commenced his mission "with much hope and a promising prospect," but the "result disappointed" him.

75. Mr. White commenced his labors in this place the 2d Sabbath in April, and has made an engagement with the people to supply them one half of the time for a year, in the expectation of spending the other half in destitute places in the vicinity, of which there are many.

76. No report has been received from Mr. Hadley.

77. An increase of sympathy and co-operation. Two outposts established for evening lectures with favorable indications.

78. Great advance in temperance during the past year. "Several cases of real religious interest." One promising lad of about 12 years of age hopefully converted by means of Sabbath School library books. A new meeting house is supposed to be going up.

79. It is still "the day of small things" with this Church; but so earnest have been the desires of a precious few for the preaching of the Word, that they could not be denied.

80. "Our Sabbath School was never in better condition. Encouraging progress in the cause of temperance. No intoxicating drinks sold in any place in town, and a less quantity used, perhaps, than in any other town in the county." "Four or five conversions have occurred among our youth."

81. Mr. Dodd's labors in Turner ceased in November last. Since then they have been able to obtain preaching most of the time, without missionary aid. An effort is now in progress to build a new Church in the village; and strong hopes are entertained that by this measure the prosperity of the society will be promoted.

82. Gradual lessening of prejudice and increase of strength.

83. Mr. Chapman's services in this place have been highly acceptable; but in consequence of the decline of business, and the removal of several families connected with the Congregational Church and Society, it was not thought advisable at the close of the parochial year in March last, to attempt to secure his services in Unity for the year ensuing for more than one-half the time.

84. "An increased attention to meeting on the Sabbath in Unity, notwithstanding the removal of so many of our people to other places." The attendance on preaching at Freedom of late much better than at first.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 85. VASSALBOROUGH. | | | | | 31 | | | | 14 71 | 61 25 |
| SIDNEY. | | | | | 14 | | | | 7 39 | |
| Rev. David Thurston, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 3m | 25 | | | | | | | |
| " " " | October, '53. | 9 | 75 | | | | | | | |
| 86. WATERVILLE. | | | | 175 | 68 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| Rev. R. B. Thurston, *P.* | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 200 | | | | | | | |
| 87. WELD. | | | | 140 | 36 | | | | 21 | 13 |
| CARTHAGE. | | | | no ch. | res. | | | | | |
| NORTH JAY. | | | | do | | | | | | |
| Rev. J. B. Wheelwright. | June 22, 1853. | 6 | 37 50 | | | | | | | |
| | Jan. 11, 1854. | 6 | 37 50 | | | | | | | |
| 88. WESTBROOK, 1st parish. | | | | 125 | 44 | | | | 30 | 8 36 |
| Rev. C. N. Ransom. | Jan. 11, '54. | 8 | 100 | | res. | | | | | |
| 89. WHITNEYVILLE. | | | | | 28 | | | | | |
| WHITING. | | | | | 11 | | | | | |
| Rev. G. Bacheller, (for half the time.) | June 22, 1853. | 6 | 50 | | | | | | | |
| 90. WILTON. | | | | 80 | 49 | | 5 | | 11 26 | |
| Rev. Erastus Curtiss, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 10 | 125 | | | | | | | |
| Rev. Alpha Morton. | | 1 | 17 | | | | | | | |
| 91. WINSLOW. | | | | 125 | 43 | | | 3 | 10 | 70 |
| Rev. David Shepley, *s. s.* | June 22, 1853. | 2 | 21 | | | | | | | |
| | Sept. 1, 1853. | 10 | 105 | | | | | | | |
| 92. YORK, 2d parish. | | | | 100 | 29 | 1 | | 3 | 20 | 10 |
| Rev. Morris Holman. | June 22, 1853. | 12 | 100 | | | | | | | |

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85. During the first three months Mr. Thurston's labors were confined to Vassalborough; they have been extended since, one-fourth of the time, to Sidney. In both places there are a few who love "the old paths," and are disposed steadfastly to walk in them. But they are only a few, and the number is not increasing. Four children of a deacon in the Congregational Church, during the past year, have indulged the hope of pardon, but have all chosen to join a Church of another denomination.

86. For some interesting facts relative to this Church, see a subsequent part of this Report.

87. "Our Sabbath School and Bible Class are large and unusually interesting. Our congregation is larger this Spring, than it has been for a long time. Our Church conferences are well attended." "At Carthage I find a few pious women of our order, and two men. They love the Gospel, but are poor and have to struggle for bare subsistence." For two Sabbaths at North Jay $10 were paid by one man.

88. During the last 20 years this Church and Society have been either without a pastor, or subject to very frequent changes. They have now a minister, willing to labor, and accustomed to labor with success. There is population enough urgently to require his services, wealth enough to sustain them, and both are on the increase.

89. Some prospect of additions by letter to the Church at Whitneyville. The Church at Whiting, with which Mr. B. spent 2 Sabbaths, "is truly a feeble flock."

90. Nothing reported deserving special notice.

91. "The house of worship has been put in good repair and well furnished, at an expense of from $1000 to $1100, all cheerfully and punctually paid, and in some cases at no small sacrifice. There is now some special interest, originating with labors of Methodist brethren in the south part of the town. Some men of wealth and influence, not church members, manifest increasing good will, and may do something to make up for losses; we would hope, will become Christians."

92. "Three have been renewed, we hope, within a few days," (June 12th) two of whom were members of the Bible Class, and the other a teacher in the Sabbath School."

# SUMMARY.

The fields of labor, occupied by our Missionaries during the year, have been 92, comprising 105 churches, and above 30 towns and plantations, in which there are no churches. Of the several places thus occupied, 40 have been supplied all the time; 8 three-fourths; 25 one-half and upwards; 27 one-third and upwards.

The number of Missionaries has been 96; of whom 79 were ordained ministers, and 17 licentiates. Fifty-nine have been in commission all the year, 12 for 6 months and upwards, and 25 for periods less than 6 months. During the year four pastors of missionary churches, and seven, who for one year, or more, had been stated supplies, have relinquished their several charges; of whom nine are still laboring in connection with other churches in the State. Over four of our missionary churches, pastors have been ordained, and two other brethren have received ordination as evangelists. Though the number of persons in commission has been less than were commissioned the year preceding, yet the amount of service performed has been about the same—being equal to nearly 71 years, and that portion of it for which they have been remunerated by this Society, to about 27 years.

To some places aided in former years, and still in need of help, none has been imparted the past year. No effort being made by the people for themselves, they have not sought assistance; nor have the Trustees considered it their duty to send laborers, where so little encouragement appeared to expect beneficial results. There are churches in the State, that hold no religious meetings, and that do not seem in any way to recognize the tie of Christian brotherhood; that are putting forth no endeavors to obtain the ministrations of the Gospel, and appear willing to live without them. For aught now appears, they must in a few years become extinct; and yet their prolonged existence and ultimate prosperity are not to be despaired of. The time was, when a church within this State was so far reduced, that but one member, a female, was left. Now that same church, with its ancient meeting house and parsonage in good order, consists of 41 members, and enjoys as it has done for several years past, the constant administration of Christian ordinances. In another place, where the church has been rent by divisions, and has dwindled in numbers and efficiency, until but two male members remain; by the blessing of God upon the

preaching of His Word for one-half the time during the two last years, for which liberal aid has been afforded by this Society, the people are now making a vigorous effort to secure to themselves the preached Gospel for three-fourths (perhaps the whole) of the time, independently of missionary aid. In another place, where the Church, discouraged and desponding, were willing to shut up the house of God, and to deny to themselves and their neighbors its precious privileges, the people, not professing piety, became dissatisfied; and having taken decided and energetic measures, are now sustaining without missionary aid the preaching of the Gospel.

The number added to the several churches as reported for the last year has been by profession 150, by letter 50, in all 200. The whole number of members, including many non-residents, at the present time, so far as we have been able to ascertain, is 4,357. Scarcely any place where our missionaries have labored, has been largely blessed with the renovating influences of the Holy Spirit. The places most highly famed in this respect have been Lovell, Rumford, Barkerville (in Bangor,) Sangerville, Sanford, Maple Grove and Poland; places, the most of which had worn for years a peculiarly discouraging aspect. The whole number of hopeful conversions reported is 102. The amount contributed to the Maine Missionary Society by the missionary churches so far as reported, has been $1,615.80; to other objects of benevolence $817.67; in all $2,433.47; being more than 25 per cent. upon the amount which they have received.

## New Fields.

During the past year two new missionary fields have been opened. For many years a Congregational Church has existed in the town of Litchfield, and has received signal tokens of the Divine approbation. Some of its members reside at a distance of four or five miles from the house of worship, and finding it inconvenient to travel that distance with their families, and being desirous that their neighbors might share with them in religious privileges, have been disposed to commence a new meeting, and lay the foundations of a new society in their own neighborhood. The experiment, aided by a mission from this Society, was tried for six months with such results, as to encourage its renewal.

The other field referred to, is a portion of the town of Camden, to which the name of Rockport has recently been given. Of the enterprise here commenced, the following account has been given by Mr. James B. Howard, after fulfilling a mission in the place of six weeks: "A Sabbath School was commenced about two years since. Its first aspects were very discouraging; only three adults and two pupils met the first Sabbath. But the Lord has blessed the effort; the first year the average attendance was 36, and the second 42. A Sabbath evening prayer meeting was begun at the same time, at which from 20 to

30 were usually present, though often but one brother was there to do the work. This meeting increases in numbers and in interest, is attended mostly by the young, and I hail it, as the fountain, from whence there must go forth great good to this people. We have every Sabbath three meetings, Baptist, Methodist, and Congregationalist, and on the odd Sabbath an Universalist. We think that there is room enough for all; and indications that the door is especially open to our own denomination. Many of the people were brought up in our mode of worship, and feel most at home with us; others, who would scarcely attend worship at all elsewhere, come readily and quite constantly to hear us. Though we have gone at work very quietly, it has been with so much unanimity of feeling and determination of purpose, that we have won good opinions; and though we worship in a very uncomfortable school house, yet our room is well attended—increasingly so—especially by young persons. The place is growing rapidly. It possesses an excellent harbor, a great abundance of lime rock, an inexhaustible source of ice for the ice trade, is most eligible for shipping, and has the usual advantages for ship building. Now such being the place, such the character of the people for enterprise, such the rapidity of growth, and such the leaning to Congregational modes of worship, it would seem that Rockport must be very soon a place of importance, not only in point of wealth and population, but also of religious influence. Only let these tendencies be developed, and whatever aid is given be given freely, and a good foundation be laid now, in the beginning, and the result must be very great and very good. To-day a Congregationalist Church has been formed in this village, consisting of thirteen by letter from other churches, and seven on profession of their faith. If there is any truth in the old adage—God helps those who help themselves—we shall succeed. The men who are at the head of this movement are the right kind of men. There are few of them, but they will expend a great deal of energy; they will drive at the wheel, till the shoulder almost breaks under the pressure, rather than not move the burden on. They are determined (not only to have a minister if possible) but somehow to build a vestry, which shall answer the purpose of a meeting house—a building that will accommodate from 180 to 200 persons—and the effort is to erect it before the 1st of September. But the burden is very heavy. They are enterprising men; but they are poor men, and they feel that they must have some help—a good deal of help just now. Should our little Church be left without a preacher, or without regular Sabbath worship, the consequences must be disastrous. It must strike a chill into their hearts; it must palsy their hands. To their brethren they look most earnestly for help. Shall we have it?"

Another place that may be considered a new field of missionary labor, is Barkerville, a neighborhood so called within the limits of the city of Bangor, where Seminary students have been accustomed to conduct a Sabbath School and hold religious meetings. Mr. James

W. Kidder has thus labored for two or three years, and to him a short mission was given the last April. Two years ago the last winter a few persons were made (as was believed) the subjects of renewing grace. "About the middle of last winter" (says our missionary) "God was pleased to visit us again by the presence of His Spirit. The number of hopeful conversions may be 8 or 10, perhaps more. They will probably unite with different churches in the city."

### State of the Treasury.

At the last Annual Meeting there was a balance in the Treasury of $1,572.54. The receipts of the year have been $13,291.49, (of which $2,148.25 are the avails of legacies, and $10,842.24 donations from various sources,) being $1,706.93 more than was contributed in the year preceding. The expenditures of the year have been $12,274.82, and the balance now in the Treasury is $1,589.21.

Our late excellent Treasurer, William Swan, Esq., of Portland, having bequeathed to this Society $1,000 as a permanent fund, that amount has been recently paid by the executors, and invested in available bank stock. Miss Eveline Sewall of Kennebunk, highly esteemed for her devotion to the cause of Christ, has bequeathed to this Society the amount of her property, amounting to about $2,000; the income of which for the present is to be paid to a surviving relative. Valuable donations of clothing (with which in one instance were connected $25 in money) have been received by our missionaries, mostly from ladies in Saco, Portland, Brunswick, Bangor, Augusta, Ellsworth, and South Paris, also from Willimantic, Conn., and from Boxford and Charlestown, Mass.

### The Surplus Fund.

The effort, mentioned in our last Annual Report, to raise a fund of $50,000 for building churches at the West, was more than successful, some five or six thousand dollars being collected over the fifty proposed. Of this surplus $1,400 have been appropriated to Maine; and from this source aid has been given to Mechanic Falls, where a heavy debt had been incurred by the building of a house of worship, which the people were unable to liquidate, and to Blanchard, where a house had for some time remained unfinished for the want of the means requisite to complete it. To Turner, Hiram, Sumner, Passadumkeag, Monmouth and Rockport, aid has been promised, if houses of worship should be built in these places upon the conditions required. All these societies are under the patronage of this Institution.

### Improvement.

During the past year, the Society at Oldtown, have expended $1,200 in repairing their meeting house. The house of worship in Winslow, has been put in good repair and furnished, at an expense of from $1,000 to $1,100, "all cheerfully and punctually paid, and in some cases at no small sacrifice." About $1,300 have been expended for an organ and other improvements in Waterville, of which $1,000 were raised in the Society. "It is believed, that good effects are already resulting from this outlay, and that it was necessary for the prosperity of the Society. We are confident that it will hasten the day of our independency of missionary aid." Thus wrote our missionary on the 12th instant. On the 20th his statement was as follows: "At a meeting of the Society the last evening, the feeling was unanimous, that no more aid ought to be asked of the M. M. S., and that the pastor ought to receive an addition of $100 to his salary. Five subscriptions of $50 each were made on the spot. An individual not present is relied on for another $50. It is hoped that one more will be found to give the same sum. There will be no application made at this time for missionary aid. We hope the time of such a necessity will not return."

"Many among us," writes the pastor of the Church in Gardiner, "have for two or three years past felt very desirous of raising among ourselves the whole sum, needed for the support of the minister. Owing however to the fact, that they increased his salary (by $100) two years ago, they felt that they must still rely in part upon the Missionary Society. The coming year, we shall try the experiment of self-support. To many among us there is much solicitude as to the result. We are not entirely in as good condition as we appear; but there are those who are willing to make much sacrifice, rather than to be dependent upon the charities of others. We cannot take leave of your Society, without expressing our warmest gratitude for the aid you have hitherto afforded us. From our feeble infancy we have been under your fostering care, and by your efficient aid we continue unto this day. We have nearly reached our majority. For though not quite 21 years of age, we are in our 21st year, and old enough surely to take care of ourselves. When Dr. Gillett, in the year 1832, preached the first sermon in this place, preparatory to gathering a Congregationalist Society, he preached in the morning to about half a dozen persons in the kitchen of a house, occupied by a poor brother, and in the evening of the same Sabbath to about a dozen persons in a house near the old factory. A year later, when the Church was organized, there were only ten persons connected with it; and though our growth has been very slow, and often retarded by deaths and removals, yet we thank God, that through your generous assistance we still enjoy the ordinances of the Gospel according to the faith of our fathers. We look to him who giveth the early and the latter

rain, for that increase of piety and liberality, which shall enable us, not only to support the Gospel at home, but to comply with that injunction of our Savior, freely ye have received, freely give."

Under date of May 5th, the pastor of the Church at Frankfort, thus wrote: "I have been hoping against hope, that our people would make up my living this year without application for missionary aid; but the committee judge that it is best to ask for $50. With this last request for half our usual allowance we propose to take our affectionate and grateful leave as beneficiaries of the M. M. S. We are aware that it will cost this Church and Society a struggle, but we trust it will be cheerfully made. Indeed men of the world here are feeling, that we ought no longer to be dependent on charity; and we hope and trust that they with the Church will assume the burden. We have come to feel, that there is a species of dishonesty in drawing a dollar from your Society, which could be avoided. So many neighborhoods are destitute, and so many societies are absolutely poor, we are persuaded, that we, and perhaps many other churches, should fall back upon our resources, and God will bless us in so doing. Hitherto the M. M. S. under the Great Shepherd has led us and upheld us. Our very existence under Him has depended upon that Society, and we feel, that now it is our duty to sustain ourselves. The money we ask of you this year is nearly, if not quite all, already pledged, and God helping us, we will pay up our debt, and become stockholders in this blessed Society, as soon as possible."

In these three instances, especially the last, may be witnessed the good effect of a permanent ministry. The pastor of the Church in Frankfort, has encountered a more than ordinary share of discouragements and trials, and opportunities have not been wanting for changing his position to one more inviting. But he has considered it his duty to hold on, and pray and labor and wait for better times. Had it not been for his self-denying perseverance, sustained by the steadfast attachment of the people, many years might have elapsed, before that Church would have attained its present degree of prosperity.

An affecting contrast will be found in the statements of another missionary. "During the last 20 years only two men have been sustained in the ministry here for three years. Several have supplied two years, but one year has most frequently terminated the connection. Hence arises our greatest discouragement. The people have lost confidence in the Church and Society. Their ministers have been changed so often, they no longer expect any body to stay long. The frequent changes have brought a steady decline also upon the Church and congregation. There have been only 6 or 8 additions for the last 13 years; and the Church has dwindled from 130 to 43. Had they sustained any faithful man during that time the decided probability is, that they would have increased in strength, instead of running down to their present weakness."

### Necessity of increased Compensation.

In consequence of the increased expenses of living, the salaries of many ministers, barely sufficient for their support before, have become utterly inadequate. Hence is imposed upon them a burden of anxious care, perhaps of inevitable debt, crushing their spirits, and greatly diminishing their usefulness. Affecting details of privation and hardship have been recently given in the annual reports of some of our beloved brethren, which demand and will receive, we doubt not, the earnest attention of the Trustees this day to be chosen. It has been gratifying to learn, that a few of the churches still expecting aid from this Society, have remembered the ordinance of God, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, and have increased the amount on their own subscriptions. Others we hope will do likewise. "If this Society had the means of increasing the salaries of all its missionaries at once to the desired amount, it would not be charity to do for them, what they were able to do for themselves; nor would it be just to the contributors to bestow their benefactions on those, who did not give as God had prospered them, for the support of their own religious institutions." On this point there is need of constant vigilance, lest encouragement be given to a covetous spirit, and to an undue reliance upon others for that which churches ought to do for themselves. We would rather encourage them to expect increased appropriations, if need be, from the Treasury of this Society, in connection with an increase in their own subscriptions. It should not be forgotten that this Society derives a portion of its funds from churches that pay their own pastors no more than the most of our missionaries receive; and it is scarcely to be expected that such churches will cheerfully assist in increasing the salaries of missionary pastors beyond the stinted compensation which they dole out to them, by whom the word of life is dispensed to themselves and their children. There is need in the churches at large of a higher appreciation of the value of the Christian ministry, and a deeper sense of the obligation to sustain it. It should also be remembered, that if larger appropriations were made, without a corresponding increase in the funds of the Society, its operations must be confined within narrower limits, and some fields, now cultivated, must be suffered to lie waste. Let increased contributions be poured into our Treasury, and let the churches assisted enlarge their hearts and efforts—the harrassed missionary with his suffering family, will be relieved, and being able to give himself wholly to the duties of his calling, the pleasure of the Lord will prosper more abundantly in his hand.

### The American Home Missionary Society.

This Society has had in commission during the last year, 1,047 laborers, distributed in 27 different States and Territories; supplying constantly or at stated intervals, 2,140 stations, and ministering occasionally in many other places. During the latter part of the year

many churches assisted were blessed with seasons of refreshing. Sixty-two missionaries reported revivals of religion; "some of them of more than ordinary interest and power." The hopeful conversions reported were 2,810; 50 new churches were organized, and 45 became self-sustaining. The receipts of the year were upwards of $191,000 exceeding those of any former year by nearly $19,500.

The number of missionaries reported by the National Society is less by 40, and by this Society by 4, than were in commission the year preceding. The principal reason is in both cases the same; the difficulty of obtaining men. "The conviction is forced upon us more and more deeply every year by our own experience," say the Directors of the American Home Missionary Society, "that men of the character and qualifications, which the service of the church requires, are not coming into the ministry in such numbers as her exigencies demand. If this deficiency is to continue and increase, how are the destitute to receive the bread of life, and our abler congregations to retain the ministry of the word? Is it not time for the disciples of Christ every where to lift up their cry with unwonted and unceasing importunity to the Lord of the harvest, to send forth laborers into his harvest?"

In Him is all our help. The destinies of Church and State, of our country and our race, are in His hands. It is a day of distress of nations and perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. Dark clouds are lowering over our own land. An evil, already of most portentous magnitude, is extending its encroachments. Iniquity the most flagrant is framed by law, and the remonstrances of those who fear God are treated with scorn. Even in the midst of law-abiding New England, deeds are done in conformity to human legislation, which require for their security a large array of military force; and millions who have never been in bondage to any man, are forced to remember those that are in bonds by the apprehension almost that they are bound with them. Out of these depths it is well to cry unto the Lord, and to fix our desires and our hopes upon Him. He can cause the wrath of man to praise Him and restrain the remainder. He can turn the counsels of the wicked into foolishness, and defeat the enemies of truth and righteousness by means of their own stratagems. He can cause the walls of Zion to be built in troublous times. His church is graven upon the palms of His hands, and her walls are ever before Him. Even when the kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, the true Church is safe; all are safe who, identifying their interests with those of Christ's kingdom, pray and labor and live for their promotion. If ever the members and patrons of this Society have been workers together with God, if ever their hearts have beat in unison with His heart, it is when in humble imitation of Him who came to seek and to save that which was lost, they have given their prayers, and labors, and property, and influence, in some humble measure of the same spirit, for the same object. Let them not be weary in well doing; in due season, they shall reap if they faint not.

# ANNUAL MEETING.

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the Maine Missionary Society was holden at the Central Church, in Bangor, June 28, 1854. After the opening of the meeting with prayer and reading the Scriptures by the President, a Sermon was delivered by Rev. E. F. Cutter, of Belfast, for which thanks were voted, with a request for publication. The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted; also the Report of the Trustees by the Secretary. Addresses were made by Rev. J. W. Chickering, Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, a Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, and by Rev. Messrs. Jones, Pomroy, Rogers, Cole, Balkam, Woodhull and Fiske. The public exercises of the occasion were closed with prayer and a benediction by the venerable father Sawyer, in the 99th year of his age.

The President having read a letter from Dr. Ellingwood, declining on account of his age and infirmities a re-election to those offices in the Society, which he had held for many years, a vote was taken, expressing the thanks of the Society to Dr. Ellingwood for his long and valuable services, their sympathy with him under his present trials, and their desire still to enjoy the benefit of his counsels.

The following were chosen as officers of the Society for the year ensuing:

PRESIDENT:
Rev. WILLIAM T. DWIGHT, D. D.

VICE PRESIDENT:
Rev. JOHN W. ELLINGWOOD, D. D.

COR. AND REC. SECRETARY:
Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, D. D.

TREASURER:
JOHN HOW, Esq.

TRUSTEES:

Rev. WILLIAM T. DWIGHT, *ex off.*
Rev. DAVID THURSTON.
Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN.
Rev. JOHN W. ELLINGWOOD.
Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D.
Rev. JOHN W. CHICKERING.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER.
Rev. DAVID SHEPLEY.
Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON.
Rev. ISAAC ROGERS.
JOHN HOW, Esq.

AUDITORS:
WILLIAM C. MITCHELL. | WILLIAM D. LITTLE.

The Committee, appointed at the last Annual Meeting to collect facts relating to the history of this Society, were requested still to attend to that service, until they should be prepared to report.

The Rev. Messrs. Bowker and Fiske were appointed a Committee, in concurrence with a Committee that might be raised by the State Conference for the same purpose, to appoint and notify the place of the next Annual Meeting, when it should be ascertained.

Time of the next Annual Meeting, 4th Wednesday of June, 1855.

PREACHERS:

Rev. S. C. FESSENDEN, *First.* | Rev. D. T. SMITH, D. D. *Second.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Receipts and Disbursements by* JOHN HOW, *Treasurer of Maine Missionary Society.*

## RECEIPTS.

| | | |
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| Balance in the Treasury at the annual settlement, June 18, 1853, | | $1,572 54 |
| Dividends on Bank Stock, October, 1853, and April, 1854, | 279 00 | |
| Dividends on stock in Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Company, | 30 00 | |
| | | 309 00 |
| Interest on notes belonging to Permanent Fund, | 49 50 | |
| Interest on money loaned, | 14 75 | |
| | | 64 25 |
| For relinquishing right to subscribe for new stock in Manufacturers' and Traders' Bank, | – | 2 75 |
| Of Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., for supplying pulpit in sundry places, | – | 25 00 |
| Of Calvin Starrett, 1 share in Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Co., | – | 100 00 |
| LEGACIES.—Of Miss Eunice Little, late of Danville, | 58 25 | |
| Balance of Cyrus Pierce, late of Chesterville, | 25 00 | |
| Balance of Augustus Alden, late of Hallowell, | 15 00 | |
| Seventh installment of legacy of Hon. William Richardson, late of Bath, | 1,000 00 | |
| Of Arthur Tompson, late of Pownal, | 50 00 | |
| Of William Swan, Esq., late of Portland, which agreeably to the provision of the will has been invested, | 1,000 00 | |
| | | 2,148 25 |
| For annuities, contributions, life memberships, &c., | – | 10,742 24 |
| | | $14,964 03 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid William T. Johnson's bill for printing Annual Report, | $120 00 |
| Paid Dr. Tappan for expenses on the same, | 3 00 |
| Paid for printing blank certificates of L. M., | 28 65 |
| Paid for 5 shares in capital stock of Canal Bank, | 500 00 |
| Paid for 5 shares in capital stock of Casco Bank, | 500 00 |
| One share in the capital stock of Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, given by Calvin Starrett, Esq., and credited to Permanent Fund, | 100 00 |
| Paid R. Andrews for new plate for certificates of Life Memberships, | 125 00 |
| Paid transportation of box from Saco to Bangor, | 75 |
| Paid Trustees' orders, | 11,716 84 |
| Paid postages and incidental expenses, | 12 75 |
| Commissions on receipts, | 267 83 |
| Balance in the Treasury, | 1,589 21 |
| | $14,964 03 |

## PERMANENT FUND.

| | | |
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| Lands in the county of Aroostook, valued at | $300 00 | |
| Land in Bangor, valued at | 300 00 | |
| 5 shares in Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Company, | 500 00 | |
| 18 shares in Canal Bank, Portland, | 1,800 00 | |
| 20 shares in Casco Bank, Portland, | 2,000 00 | |
| 11 shares in Manufacturers' and Traders' Bank, Portland, | 550 00 | |
| 1 share in Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, | 100 00 | |
| Notes receivable, secured by endorsement and mortgage, | 1,100 00 | |
| | | $6,650 00 |

JOHN HOW, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, June 24, 1854.

PORTLAND, June 24, 1854.

The undersigned, Auditors, chosen by the Society, have examined the accounts of John How, Esq., Treasurer, and find the same properly vouched and correctly cast, and the balance in his hands, fifteen hundred eighty-nine 21-100 dollars.

W. D. LITTLE,
WM. C. MITCHELL, } *Auditors.*

# DONATIONS

FROM JUNE 21, 1853, TO JUNE 24, 1854.

### AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Burlington*—Coll., | | 12 35 |
| *Carroll*—Family don., | | 2 25 |
| *Lee*—Coll., | * | 15 50 |
| *Springfield*—2 individ., | | 75 |
| *Letter D*—Coll., | | 7 00 |
| *Lincoln*—Coll., | | 9 09 |
| *Passadumkeag*—Cont., | | 14 00 |
| *Salmon Brook*—Coll., | | 3 00 |
| *Aroostook Conference*, 21 77, 18 92, | | 40 69 |
| | | $104 54 |

### CUMBERLAND.

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|---|---|---|
| *Auburn*—Ann. 12, Cent Society 19 05, con. 35 75, | | 66 80 |
| *Brunswick*—Ann. 22, con. & don. 72 50, | | 94 50 |
| *Cumberland*—Sab. Sch. 8 68, coll. 56 01, | | 64 69 |
| *Durham*—Don., | | 4 00 |
| *Falmouth, West*—Fem. Miss. Soc., | | 12 00 |
| *Freeport*—Coll. and don. 133 78, L. M. 55, Cent Soc. 11 22, | | 200 00 |
| *Gorham*—F. M. S. 37, Fem. Sem. 20, coll. and don. 75, | | 132 00 |
| *Gray*—L. M. by coll., | | 40 00 |
| *Lewiston Falls*—F. M. S. 37 51, mon. con. 23, coll. 70, L. M. 95, | | 225 51 |
| *Mechanic Falls*—Sab. Sch. for L. M. 20, coll. 30, | | 50 00 |
| *Minot*—L. M. 6, ann. 4, con. 13, | | 23 00 |
| *New Gloucester*—F. M. circles 93 26, L. M. 20, coll. 42 13, | | 155 39 |
| *North Yarmouth*—Coll., | | 25 00 |
| *Poland*—Coll., | | 20 00 |
| *Portland*, 2d *Ch.*—F. M. S. 293, L. M. 85, coll. 200 38, | 578 38 | |
| " 3d *Ch.*—F. M. S. 132, L. M. 150, coll. 130 30, | 412 30 | |
| " *High St.*—F. M. S. 44, L. M. 245, coll. and don. 378 25, | 667 25 | |
| " *State St.*—Sew. Cir. 22, L. M. 20, | 42 00 | |
| | | 1699 93 |
| *Scarborough*—F. M. S. 7 75, L. M. 20, don. 7, | | 34 75 |
| *Standish*—Coll., | | 20 37 |
| *Westbrook*—L. M. 20, coll. and don. 24, | | 44 00 |
| *Windham*—Coll., | | 18 00 |
| *Yarmouth*—L. M. 20, don. 2, | | 22 00 |
| | | $2951 94 |

### FRANKLIN.

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| *Chesterville*—Don., | 2 00 |
| *Farmington*—F. M. S. 12 02, mon. con. 20 23, L. M. 31, ann. 2, coll & don. 28 70, | 93 95 |
| *Kingfield*—Don., | 1 00 |

* These sums were reckoned as in part payment for the services of Mr. Sheldon.

*Industry*—Coll., 10 00
*New Vineyard*—Coll. 3, 4, 7 00
*Phillips*—Coll., 4 25
*Strong*—Coll., 14 96
*Temple*—F. M. S. 5, L. M. 10, con. and don. 5, 20 00
*Weld*—F. M. S. 5, coll. 12, mon. con. 4, 21 00
*Wilton*—F. M. S. 11 26, ann. 6, con. and don. 8 25, 25 51
*Franklin Conference*, 3 57
$203 24

HANCOCK.

*Amherst*—Don. 4, Fem. cent Soc. 12 37, 16 37
*Bucksport*—Mon. con. 45, L. M. 65, ann. 4, coll. 18, 132 00
*Castine*—L. M. 105, mon. con. 21 37, coll. 27, 153 37
*Deer Isle*—Coll., 14 00
*Eastbrook*—Don., 8 00
*Ellsworth*—L. M. 60, coll. 53,¼ 113 00
*Isle de Haute*—Coll., 2 50
*Mt. Desert and Tremont*—Don. and con., 37 75
*Orland*—Coll. 20, 12, 32 00
*Trenton*—Don., 2 25
$511 24

KENNEBEC.

*Augusta, N.*—Coll., 3 75
" S. mon. con. 64 40, L. M. 50, ann. 2, coll. and don. 288 03, 404 43
408 18
*Benton*—Coll., 10 00
*Gardiner*—L. M. 60, coll. 30 83, 90 83
*Hallowell*—L. M. 130, ann. 2, con. 115 88, 247 88
*Litchfield*—Coll. 9 81, don. 2 50, 12 31
*Monmouth*—Coll. and don., 10 40
*Mount Vernon*—L. M., 20 00
*Pittston*—Coll. 7 75, don. 50, 8 25
*Readfield*—Don., 3 00
*Richmond*—L. M. 70, don. 2, 72 00
*Sidney*—Coll., 7 39
*Vassalborough*—Coll. 8 51, 5 20, don. 1, 14 71
*Waterville*—Coll. 20, don. 3, 23 00
*Winslow*—Don., 10 00
*Winthrop*—F. M. S. 22 08, con. 18 50, don. 30, 70 58
*Kennebec Conference*, 11 55, 29 93, 41 48
$1041 01

LINCOLN.

*Alna*—Ann. 4, mon. con. 5, con. 19, 28 00
*Bath, Winter St.*—F. M. S. 89, L. M. 75, ann. 24, con. and don. 305 79, 484 79
" *Central Ch.*—F. M. S. 32 25, L. M. 60, con. & don. 210 80, 303 05
787 84
*Bristol*—Coll., 12 41
*Georgetown*—Don., 5 00
*Newcastle*, (*Sheepscot.*)—Ann. 2, don. 1, 3 00
" (*Damariscotta.*)—Legacy of Mrs. Nickels, 50 00
53 00
*Phipsburg*—Ladies 17 23, gents. 10 20, 27 43
*Rockland*—Coll. 35, L. M. 20, 55 00
*Thomaston*—Auxil. Soc. 25 50, coll. 23 59, 49 00
*Topsham*—Coll., 20 00
*Union*—Coll. 13 31, L. M. 10, 23 31
*Waldoborough*—F. M. S. 17 75, L. M. 35, ann. 30, coll. and don. 33 29, 116 04
*Warren*—Ann. 6, Benevolent Society 25, coll. 12, 43 00
*Washington*—6 L. M., 120 00
*Woolwich*—Coll., 6 57
$1346 60

OXFORD.

*Andover*—Coll. 12, 6, mon. con. 3, 21 00
*Bethel, 1st Par.*—Fem. Cent Soc., 5 00
*Dixfield*—Mon. con., 5 00
*Gilead*—Coll., 11 00
*Norway, village*—Coll., 9 00
*Oxford*—Coll. 5, L. M. 10, 15 00
*Paris, South*—Don., 15 00
*Rumford*—Coll. 5 65, don. 2, 7 65
*Sumner and Hartford*—Coll., 14 50
*Turner*—F. M. S. 18 99, coll. 11 37, 30 27
*Oxford Conference*, 17 75, 15 18, 8 67, 41 60
$175 02

PENOBSCOT.

*Bangor*, *1st Par.*—L. M. 130 50, Sab. Sch. 43, coll. and don. 419 86, 593 36
" *Ham. St.*—L. M. 40, Sab. Sch. 40 30, coll. & don. 233 02, 313 32
" *Central*—L. M. 195, coll. and don. 174, 369 00
1275 68
*Brewer*, *West*—L. M. 75, ann. 4, Sew. Cir. 10, coll. and don. 33 82, 122 82
" *village*—Coll. 20, L. M. in part 5, 25 00
147 82
*Dedham*—Mon. con., 16 40
*Dixmont*—Coll., 10 47
*Glenburn*—Coll., 5 45
*Hampden*—L. M. 20, coll. and don. 67, 87 00
*Kenduskeag*—Coll. 20, 23 58, L. M. 6, 49 58
*Orono*—Coll. 14 42, 13 32, 27 74
*Orrington*—Coll. 30, 3 65, 33 65
*Plymouth*—Don., 5 00
$1658 79

PISCATAQUIS.

*Atkinson*—Con., 13 60
*Blanchard*—Coll., 23 00
*Bradford*—Coll. 17, don. 7, 24 00
*Brownville*—F. M. S. 5 60, con. 24, by the Welch 15 25, 41 85
*Dexter*—Coll., 18 00
*Dover and Foxcroft*—Coll. 51, 25, 76 00
*Garland*—Coll., 10, 12 25, 22 25
*Monson*—L. M. 20, Female Mis. Soc. 5, coll. 20 06, 45 06
*Sangerville*—Coll., 2 50
$269 26

SOMERSET.

*Anson, South*—Female Cent Soc. 9, con. 2 50, 11 50
*Bingham*—Coll., 5 00
*Bloomfield*—Coll., 7, don. 5, 12 00
*Fairfield*—To complete a L. M., 5 00
*Madison*—Coll., 10 00
*Mercer*—Coll., 6 75
*Norridgewock*—Coll. 45 25, don. 15, 60 25
*Skowhegan*—Don., 5 00
*Solon village*—Coll., 3 00
*Somerset Conference*, 11 43
$129 93

UNION.

*Albany*—L. M. 40, ann. 4, 44 00

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| *Bridgton*—L. M., | 20 00 | |
| " *N.*—Mon. con. 12, coll. 12, | 24 00 | |
| " *S.*—Don., | 10 00 | |
| | | 54 00 |
| *Brownfield*—F. M. S. 3 25, L. M. 7, | | 10 25 |
| *Fryeburg*—L. M. 45, coll. and don. 44 40, | | 89 40 |
| *Hiram*—L. M. 20, don. 1, | | 21 00 |
| *Lovell*—Ann. 2, con. 3, don. 1, | | 6 00 |
| *Otisfield*—L. M 20, don. 4, coll. 15 68, | | 39 68 |
| *Sweden*—L. M. in part, | | 10 00 |
| *Waterford*—L. M. 20, Sew. Cir. 5, coll. and don., 17 12, | | 42 12 |
| | | $316 45 |

WALDO.

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|---|---|---|
| *Belfast*—L. M. 15, con. 16, 52, | 83 00 | |
| " *N.*—L. M. by coll., | 42 00 | |
| | | 125 00 |
| *Camden*—Ladies 33 12, gents. 29 75, Sab. Sch. 5, | | 67 87 |
| *Frankfort*—Coll. 22, 50, | 72 00 | |
| " *Mills*—Coll., | 17 00 | |
| | | 89 00 |
| *Jackson and Brooks*—Coll., | | 14 00 |
| *Prospect*—Coll. 15, don. 1, | | 16 00 |
| *Searsport*—Coll. 51 18, don. 2, | | 53 18 |
| *Thorndike*—To complete a L. M., | | 7 00 |
| *Unity*—Ann. 2, coll. 10 07, | | 12 07 |
| *Waldo Conference*, 2, 11 36, | | 13 36 |
| | | $397 48 |

WASHINGTON.

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| *Calais*—L. M., | | 20 00 |
| *Dennysville*—Mon. con. and coll., | | 56 00 |
| *Machias*—L. M. 20, don. 3, | | 23 00 |
| *Robbinston*—Don., | | 3 00 |
| *Washington Conference*, | | 12 06 |
| | | *$114 06 |

YORK.

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| *Acton*—Coll., | | 14 00 |
| *Biddeford*, 1st *Par.*—Coll., | 8 48 | |
| " 2d *Par.*—L. M. 40, coll. and don. 38, | 78 00 | |
| | | 86 48 |
| *Buxton*, *N.*—Coll. | 23 75 | |
| " *S.*—Ladies, | 8 00 | |
| | | 31 75 |
| *Elliot*—Coll., | | 5 45 |
| *Kennebunk*—L. M. 25, don. 10, | | 35 00 |
| *Kennebunkport*, 1st *Par.*—Coll., | 26 50 | |
| " 2d *Par.*—L. M. 20, coll. 53, | 73 00 | |
| | | 99 50 |
| *Kittery*—L. M. by coll. 20, 20, | | 40 00 |
| *Lebanon*—Coll. and don. 32 50, 30 75, | | 63 25 |
| *Limington*—Coll. 10 57, 11 07, | | 21 64 |
| *Newfield*, *West*—Coll., | | 12 00 |
| *Parsonsfield*—Don., | | 5 00 |
| *Saco*—L. M. 115, F. M. S. 40, coll. & don. 85, | | 240 00 |
| *Sanford*—Coll., | | 24 00 |
| *South Berwick*—Coll., | | 60 03 |
| *Wells*, 1st *Par.*—Coll. 8, 7 46, L. M. 25, | | 40 46 |
| *York*, 1st *Par.*—Coll. 45, don. 3, | 48 00 | |
| " 2d *Par.*—L. M. by coll., | 20 00 | |
| | | 68 00 |
| *York Conference*, 6, 23, | | 29 00 |
| | | $915 56 |

## OTHER STATES.

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| *Amherst*, *Mass.*—Hon. John Dickinson, | 10 00 |
| *Bridgewater*, *do.*—A friend unknown, | 2 00 |
| *Boston*, *do.*—G. G. Wilder 10, Mrs. A. Lawrence 5, | 15 00 |
| *Charlestown*, *do.*—Pastor and members of Winthrop Church, | 64 00 |
| *Chelsea*, *do.*—Members of Rev. Mr. Langworthy's Church, | 77 00 |
| *Greenwich*, *do.*—Mrs. Eucla Blodgett, | 50 00 |
| *Lowell*, *do.*—From "a daughter of Maine," | 5 00 |
| *Medway*, (*East*) *do.*—Collection in the Church of Rev. J. O. Means, | 41 00 |
| *Newburyport*, *do.*—Josiah Little, Esq., 20, Wm. Thurston and wife 4, | 24 00 |
| *Roxbury*, *do.*—Rev. D. M. Mitchell, | 5 00 |
| *Salem*, *do.*—Mrs. D. T. Frothingham, | 60 00 |
| *Worcester*, *do.*—Rev. Seth Sweetser, | 15 00 |
| *Hanover*, *N. H.*—"A friend of missions," | 10 00 |
| *New York*—Justin Edwards, Esq., | 20 00 |
| " Mr. Benj. Tappan Rogers, | 20 00 |
| *Apalachicola*, *Fla.*—A. P. Nourse, Esq., | 20 00 |
| *Kohala*, *Sandwich Isl.*—Rev. Mr. Bond's Church, | 10 00 |
| | $448 00 |
| Donors unknown, | 59 00 |
| Annual meeting at Saco, | 126 61 |
| Amount of donations as above, | 10,742 24 |
| Legacies, | 2,148 25 |
| | $12,890 49 |

*$242 more were collected in this County, but were not remitted to the Treasurer in season to be reckoned in his accounts for the last year.

# Life Members,

RECOGNIZED SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL PUBLICATION.

## MAINE.

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|---|---|
| Cummings, Mrs. Hephzibah, | *Albany.* |
| Lovejoy, Miss Mary Eliza, | " |
| Bird, Shippie, | *Auburn.* |
| Millet, Moses, | " |
| Packard, Matthew, | " |
| Prince, John, | " |
| Bradbury, Henry W., | *Augusta.* |
| Gould, Rev. S. L., (*a 2d time*) | *Avon.* |
| Alden, Amherst, | *Bangor.* |
| Bourne, Mrs. N. S., | " |
| Brown, Mrs. Mary Lee, | " |
| Brown, Mrs. Stephen H., | " |
| Brown, Miss Fanny L., | " |
| Broughton, Mrs. N. H., | " |
| Cornelius, Mrs. Mary H., | " |
| Crosby, Mrs. Lucy H., | " |
| Drummond, Miss Virginia, | " |
| Duren, Elnathan, | " |
| Duren, Deacon E. F., | " |
| Foster, John M., | " |
| Hubbard, William P., | " |
| Jewell, William, | " |
| Johnson, Mrs. Julia S., | " |
| Langstaff, Miss Jane, | " |
| Sanford, Wm. Fiske, | " |
| True, John, | " |
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